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CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor:

Immediately after the result of the special election upon the question of incorporation was made known, there seemed to be a well defined determination to fight the battle over again. The opinion seemed to be almost universal that had the centre people turned out and voted as they ought to have done, there would have been a comfortable majority for instead of a small majority against the adoption of the new law. Very strong remarks were made at the time, and in some instances the indifference of those who thought incorporation was a good thing and yet were not interested enough to vote for it and the personal activity of the "Hoosiers" from the Brookdale district as they were called, was about equally condemned. There is an old proverb which says a man's worst foes are those of his own household, and it was seen as if this new system of government was defeated by the indifference of its friends. Why should we blame our friends from Brookdale at all? Should we not rather honor them for the stalwart fight they made? Believing that the new law was opposed to their interest, they fought it and were deserving of their success. We should concede the fact that if the whole of the township were situated as the Brookdale district is, it might not be a good thing to incorporate the town, but at the same time we are very sure that the other portions of the town really need and very soon must have some more comprehensive form of Government, than that under which we now exist. Bloomfield is a pretty town, but is capable of great improvement, and being surrounded by towns on every side also considered very beautiful, and which are endowed with a spirit of enterprise, it behooves the people to assert their rights and demand that our form of Government shall be so changed, as to enable us to keep pace with our sister towns in the march of progress.

The natural advantages of Bloomfield are equal in some respects, and superior in others to those of the sister towns, and with a good form of government, well administered, the place will be attractive to the class of citizens it is desirable to obtain. There is not needed any argument to prove that such a change is desirable as a majority of the citizens of Bloomfield, as the result of the last election on this subject clearly proves that the people are ready for the change, as even its enemies admit that had its friends done their duty the verdict would have been the other way. What remains to be done is that some one take this matter in hand and circulate a petition and obtain the required number of signatures (50 I think) and present the same to the Township Committee and request for action thereupon. That it would be better that this matter should be taken in hand by some resident of the centre district, as a guarantee that we may expect earnest work and a full vote from that portion of the town next time we have the issue before us at the polls. There is not a shadow of doubt that if some one will take this step it will bring him the honor of a great victory, as the residents of the other portions of the town are anxiously waiting another chance to vote upon the question.

By the way, Mr. Editor, I wonder what the new Township Committee have to say towards carrying out the suggestions of Mr. Barrett at the meeting in reference to dividing the town into wards under some already existing law? Let us not be contented to run along in the old groove, but arouse ourselves, and show our town in such a position that we may reasonably be proud of her in all respects.

Pro Bono Publico.

Sunday Laws.

To the Editor:

We have recently had our attention called to some very flagrant instances of Sabbath desecration in Bloomfield, and all good citizens must be grateful for the action of the Town Committee in taking steps to suppress these occurrences. It is to be devoutly hoped that the good work of law enforcement may go on until we have here the Sabbath the law entitles us to.

The suppression of rowdiness, and of ball playing are steps in the right direction. But the laws of this state are just as explicit and stringent with respect to some other things. The law makes it an offence and imposes a penalty for travelling, worldly employment, ordinary or servile work, for shooting, fishing, frequenting tippling houses, playing games, or for exposing goods for sale, etc.

These laws may be easily enforced, for any citizen or company of citizens may bring an offender before a Justice, who on satisfactory evidence must impose a penalty. It is clear that the enforcement of these laws would close every saloon and fruit store, all ice cream parlors, cigar shops, and stop the sale of soda water on Sunday. It would also stop Sunday drinking, for not only is it a violation of law for saloon keepers to sell on Sunday, but it is also an offence for anyone to frequent a saloon on Sunday, whether he drinks or not, and the flogging of a few of the young men who are seen entering saloons on Sunday would have a good effect perhaps upon them.

There are just now special reasons why the people of Bloomfield should rally together and unite in the enforcement of these laws. Fruit and candy stores are open every Sunday and the prospects are that through the opening of the new Glenwood Park on Sunday our town will be filled with a class of people who will frequent these stores and we shall have a noisier, busier Sunday than ever.

Surely the respectable and Christian people of Bloomfield will not tolerate these evils long when it is in their power to suppress them.

CHAS. A. COOK.

Village Improvement Association.
The Village Improvement Association Committee of Ten met in the Town Committee room on Friday night. The adoption of a systematic plan of work to be undertaken by the association was discussed and several matters were brought forward that were considered of great importance to the taxpayers residents of the town. Among them were the preservation of law and order, stoppage of Sunday saloon traffic, securing a new water supply and a sewerage system, establishment of a uniform grade of streets, electric lights and police service. It was stated that the influence of an organized body like the association would have more power with the Town Committee in securing the above objects than the weak efforts of individuals. The present police force was considered a mere apology for one at the best, (no reflection on the individual members—simply the system.) It was stated that with regard to electric lights Montclair was ready to co-operate with Bloomfield in this matter, and that the Town Committee of that place had resolved to bring the subject before the Bloomfield Committee. Two well-known and responsible companies were said to have expressed a readiness to erect a plant for the purpose of supplying both towns provided the authorities would make it an object. It was prophesied that it would not be long before this town would have to look elsewhere than to the East Orange Water Company for its water supply, as the rapid growth of East Orange made it evident that that town would soon require the entire output. In view of this fact it became very important that Bloomfield should prepare to meet any such emergency. The establishment of a uniform grade for Bloomfield streets was urged as a matter of vital importance as vexatious litigation would inevitably be the result of a neglect to give prompt attention. Property owners were seriously inconvenienced and put to considerable expense by changes in the grades of streets. One surveyor would find errors in the work of his predecessor and the consequence was an upsetting of all the improvements by residents along the line of the affected streets. The Supreme Court had ruled in this matter in the case of the city of Hoboken and the authorities must make good the damage to property in cases of this kind. The possibility of the East Orange Sewage Disposal Works becoming a public nuisance was talked over. Mr. N. H. Dodd said that a committee from the association had given the works a thorough examination at their commencement and in their opinion there was no danger of a nuisance arising from them if properly managed. At the same time they informed the East Orange officials that proceedings would be taken against them if a general complaint was made. Another matter spoken of which perhaps it would be well to mention was the enlargement of the powers of the Town Committee. It was stated that Bloomfield had outgrown the statutory limits imposed on country town governing boards.

NOTICE.

A meeting of the Village Improvement Association will be held in Dodd's Hall, Wednesday evening, June 26, at 8 o'clock, at which time the committee, appointed at the last meeting, will make their report and officers will be elected for the coming year. A full attendance is requested as business of importance will be presented for the consideration of the members.

N. H. DODD, Pres.
G. T. MOORE, Sec'y.

Our Daily Bread.

Heavy and sour bread or biscuits has a vast influence through the digestive organs upon the measure of health we enjoy. How important to our present happiness and future usefulness the blessing of good health and a sound constitution are, we can only realize when we have lost them, and when it is too late to repair damage. Notwithstanding these facts, thousands of people jeopardize not only their health, but their lives, and the health and lives of others, by using articles in the preparation of their food, the purity and healthfulness of which they know nothing. Perhaps a few cents may have been saved, or it may have been more convenient to obtain the article used, and the housekeeper takes the responsibility and possibly will never know the mischief that has been wrought.

Paterfamilias may have spells of headaches, the children may have lost their appetites, or look pale. If so, the true cause is rarely suspected. The weather, the lack of out-door air, or some other cause, is given, and the unwholesome, poisonous system of adulterated food goes on. Next to the flour, which should be made of good, sound wheat and not ground to fine, the yeast or baking powder, which furnish the rising properties, is of the greatest importance, and of the two we prefer baking powder, and always use Royal, as we thereby retain the original properties of the wheat, no fermentation taking place. The action of the Royal Baking Powder upon the dough is simply to swell it and form little cells through every part. These cells are filled with carbonic acid gas, which passes off during the process of baking.

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